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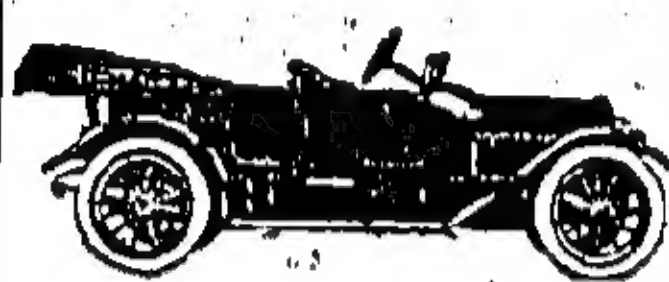
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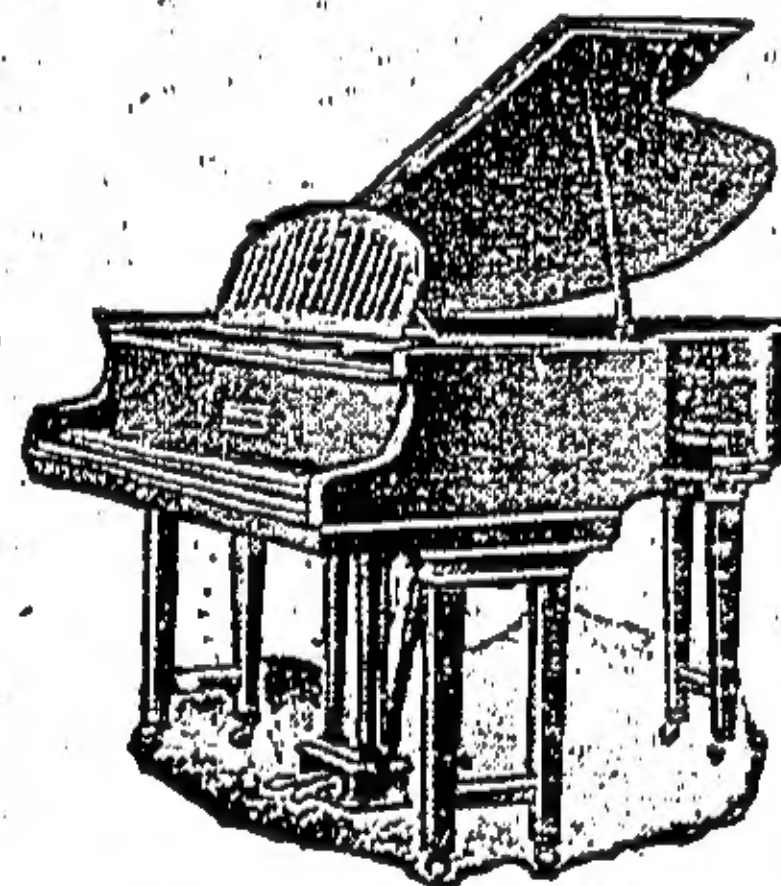
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BATTLEFIELD MEMORIALS.

LONDON, March 17.

A Battle Exploit Memorials Committee, consisting of the senior officers representing the whole Empire, has been formed at the War Office to consider the erection of permanent memorials on the battlefields, preferably to divisions or higher formations pointed out. Exploits of smaller units may be recorded thereon. Claims from Australia, New Zealand, and India must reach Whitehall before September 1.

THE TRUE STORY OF RHYL AFFAIR.

LONDON, March 8.

Brigadier General Colquhoun told an interviewer that the officers at Kinnel camp, Rhyll, were not attacked. Contrarywise, the men treated them with the greatest courtesy. He himself mixed freely with the men, and some of the men actually put down their loot in order to salute him; then they picked up the loot again. Reports of damage at the camp were greatly exaggerated. Some 50 to 60 men attacked some of the canteens. The men of one camp, anticipating danger, armed themselves and fired contrary to express orders. That was on Wednesday, when the fatalities occurred. The girls in the camp were not attacked. They were treated with the utmost civility. Not a man entered the girls' bedrooms while they were occupied. One man who raised the red flag in an attempt to introduce Bolshevism was shot.

AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

AMERICAN GUNNERY ON WESTERN FRONT.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

Rear-Admiral Plunkett, Commander of the American Naval Battery in the fighting on the Western Front, has reported upon the part his guns played in the last days of the war. The 14-inch 50-calibre guns were originally designed for the battleship *Sac*, but were later placed on a land battery.

Commenting upon the work of these guns, Admiral Plunkett said that observations were made after the retreat of the Germans, and these showed shell craters remarkably uniform in size and of great extent. He said that one shot completely wrecked the railway lines of three tracks for a distance of 100 feet tearing up the rails and shattering the lines, leaving an enormous crater in the road bed. Traffic was completely stopped, not only during the firing but from six to ten hours each day after firing had ceased. The batteries cost \$2,689,970, and with 2,400 projectiles the total outlay was \$3,337,870. The guns at an elevation of 45 degrees could be fired from railroad mounts a distance of 24.2 miles.—American Wireless.

SINO-JAPANESE AFFAIRS AT PEACE CONFERENCE.

Paris, March 18.

The Sino-Japanese Agreement, of Sept. 1918, and the Supplementary Treaty and Note of May, 1919, concerning the disposition of German rights in the Shantung province are now before the Council of the Great Powers at the Peace Conference.

Both Chinese and Japanese Delegates declare that no documents have been withheld from the Peace Conference, which is expected shortly to pass upon the disposition of the former German holding of the Shantung Province.—American Wireless.

WAR RESPONSIBILITY.

Paris, March 18.

The Sub-Committee of the Peace Conference dealing with the responsibility for the war has completed its work, and the result is about to be made public.

It is believed that the finding of any moral responsibility is not regarding the technical violation of international law by Germany.

The other Sub-Committee on other phases of the responsibility for the war has completed its work.

The "Allied" representatives on Monday heard for the first time M. Paschich on the Albanian claims, which were referred to the Committee on Greek Affairs.

The Council of the Great Powers further discussed the preliminary peace treaties on Saturday. These, which include territorial, financial, reparations and economic subjects, as well as military and naval disarmament, will soon be prepared.—American Wireless.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, March 10th.

The Supreme Council has decided that Germany can only be permitted to retain an Army of 100,000 recruited voluntarily for twelve years' service, with a definitely fixed armament, but no tanks.

Germany must not be permitted to have an Air Fleet, and may retain only 15,000 sailors, she may be allowed to keep a few aeroplanes.

Stocks of material and munitions in excess of the stipulated quantity must be destroyed and not retained.

BLOW TO CONSCRIPTION.

PARIS, March 13th.

The Supreme Council's decision to cut down the German Army and abolish its conscriptive character is regarded inside and outside Conference circles as the greatest blow ever dealt to conscription.

The Delegates' decisions were unanimous. The only opposition was from the military advisers, except British military advisers.

LONDON, March 12th.

The newspapers acclaim the Supreme War Council's decision to abolish conscription in Germany as the most notable episode in the history of the Peace Conference and a triumph for Mr. Lloyd George.

PRESS COMMENTS.

In this connection the *Daily Telegraph* says: "Till a few days ago, nothing so bold and decisive was contemplated. It is the work of one man, and if he had not been the British Premier at this moment, the chance would have been missed."

The *Daily Chronicle* says: "There is now no risk of perpetuating conscription in Great Britain or the United States. We can not suppose that France or Italy will care to cumber themselves indefinitely with it."

The *Daily Mail* says: "It is the greatest practical step yet taken towards the discouragement of war."

The *Star* says: "The chief credit and unmeasurable human blessings are due Mr. Lloyd George."

4,500 BOUNDERS.

LONDON, March 12th.

Correspondents in Paris, March 12th, state that the number of officers in the German Army will be limited to 4,500.

The navy will consist of six ironclads, five cruisers, and thirty-eight destroyers.

KAISER'S FATE.

PARIS, March 15th.

A Havana message says: "The Committee appointed to determine the responsibility for the war is ominous for the Kaiser, promising, as it does, the constitution of a High Tribunal which should not be blocked by any considerations."

It is understood that the report of the Responsibilities Commission recognises the point of view that, under the present International Law, the Kaiser and his advisers cannot be tried, however clear their guilt. The Committee suggests, however, that the Conference is entitled to create a Tribunal to try the originators of the war.

It finds no obstacle in International Law to the trial and punishment of the perpetrators of criminal acts in the conduct of the war.

PEACE IN APRIL.

PARIS, March 10th.

A high authority expressed doubts as to whether the peace treaty will be ready on March 30th. It was of opinion that the middle of April would be a likelier date.

AERIAL DISARMAMENT.

PARIS, March 13th.

The Supreme Council has adopted the aerial disarmament terms, which, generally speaking, will end the military use of dirigibles and aeroplanes. Commercial planes will be permitted, though naval planes will be barred, excepting 100 seaplanes for mine-sweeping in the North Sea.

PARIS, March 15th.

A Havana message says: "The Supreme War Council will devote more time than expected to the consideration of the aerial terms, to be imposed upon Germany under the Preliminary Peace Treaty, on account of the urgent representations made by the Aerial Advisers as to the absolute necessity of limiting, strictly, the development of the German civilian aerial industry on the ground that, under modern conditions of warfare, such aircraft are capable of instantaneous transformation into a weapon with disastrous effect."

If Germany is to be effectively disarmed, it is just as important that her commercial Air-Fleet be kept within safe limits as that her Army and Navy be suppressed.

BELGIUM'S RIGHT.

PARIS, March 9th.

It is understood that Belgium has requested to be admitted to the discussions of preliminary peace. Consequently, one Belgian representative will probably be M. Hymans, who will attend the discussions concerning the settlement on the Western Front.

GERMAN COLONIES.

PARIS, March 10th.

The question of the German colonies is in abeyance, as the efforts of the Conference have been concentrated on the settlement of the preliminary peace terms.

In view of the statements in the French Press, forecasting the destiny of the Colonies, it is now stated that provisional decisions have so far been reached only in regard South-West Africa, which has been assigned to the South African Union; New Guinea, which has been assigned to Australia; and Samoa, which has been assigned to New Zealand.

Concerning the other Pacific Islands, there is no indication that the Australian and Japanese have abided their claims, but it is certain that Japan's case is upheld, as appears probable, much will be done to frame mandates to ally Australasian fears.

The Japanese appear to be willing to accept mandates containing very definite restrictions on naval and military uses of the Islands.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS CONFERENCE.

NEUTRAL VIEWS ASKED.

PARIS, March 13th.

An invitation has been sent to neutrals in Europe, Asia and South America asking them to appoint representatives to an unofficial conference to be held in Paris on March 20th, for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of expressing their views on the League of Nations.

NAVAL MATTERS IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, March 12th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long, moving a vote for a naval personnel, numbering 250,000, said: "that between August, 1918, and March 2nd, 1919, the colossal number of approximately 23,500,000 effectives, 3,500,000 non-effectives, 2,350,000 animals and 45,000,000 tons of British military stores had been militarily transported by sea."

Since the armistice, mine-sweepers had destroyed 5,500 moored mines. No merchantman adhering to the prescribed route, had been damaged by a moored mine.

The Empire might well proud of her maritime marine, for no ship ever failed to sail for want of men, in spite of the fact that some of the men had been torpedoed five times.

After referring to the difficulty of forecasting the future naval policy until the peace terms had been signed, Mr. Long said that demobilisation was proceeding as rapidly as was consistent with safety.

The Admiralty was preparing a plain, straightforward statement of the Navy's part in the war, which would prove one of the most wonderful stories ever told.

He dwelt on the world-wide activities of the Navy during war-time. It not only made its power felt in the great battles in France, Mesopotamia and elsewhere, but, from the Scapa Flow to the African Lakes, the weight of its hand had been fully appreciated by the enemy.

(Cheers.)

He declared that the final surrender of the German Navy was a greater victory than had ever been achieved by action at sea.

Referring to the progress of naval science, he singled out, as the most extraordinary development, the way in which hearing and been made to serve as effectively as sight.

In regard to the future policy, he considered that, until the dust of war had been completely dispersed, we should be very rash, even criminally wrong, if we adopted definite plans now, and proceeded to carry them out. The vote for 250,000 men comprised the maximum figure, but it was hoped to reduce the number.

Fifty-four per cent. of those eligible for demobilisation had been demobilised. Every effort was being made to cut down the expenditure. The construction of a large number of ships of every description had been stopped since November 11th. Some of the smaller ones were being converted for mercantile uses.

According to Admiral Jellicoe's tour, he said that the object of the visit was to try and secure greater co-operation in the future between the Navies of the Empire. It was believed that, with the spirit of give and take, the most satisfactory results would be the outcome of the visit if we rightly realised our respective responsibilities and possibilities.

He looked forward to the time when the Overseas Navies would play an even greater part than in the past. The Admiralty fully realised its duty to provide the Navy with sufficient imperial needs, but the only plan which could at present be laid down was that in the future, the Navy must be able to show its flag throughout the Empire.

The Navy must not only maintain its integrity throughout the Empire, but continuously play a leading part in preserving the peace of the world.

LONDON, March 12th.

The House of Commons unanimously adopted the estimate authorising a naval personnel of 250,000.

LONDON, March 12th.

In the House of Commons, Dr. Macnamara stated that Great Britain had thirty-three Dreadnought battleships, and nine Dreadnought battle-cruisers, on December 31st, 1918. So far as he knew, no capital ships would be laid down in 1919.

The construction of three out of four Dreadnought battle-cruisers, built on December 31st had been abandoned. (Cheers.)

He estimated that the head of the remaining battle-cruiser would be completed in November.

HELIGOLAND.

LONDON, March 12th.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Dr. Macnamara stated that Heligoland was still in the possession of German armed forces and protected by unsundered portions of the German Navy. The Peace Conference was considering the future status of Heligoland, the German possession of which constituted a valuable adjunct to the exercise of sea-power by Germany.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR.

LONDON, March 12th.

The Minister of Labour, Sir E. S. Horne, speaking in London to-day, stated that the International Convention would shortly be signed in Paris establishing an annual Labour Conference to discuss industrial conditions throughout the world. Each nation who was a party to the Convention would have four representatives, two appointed by the Government, one by capital, and one by labour.

The draft of this Convention had been prepared by the British Ministry of Labour.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, March 17, 1919.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

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March 23, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at 44, Nathan Road, 1st Floor, Kowloon,
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Valuable Household Furniture,
&c., &c.,
in Fumed Teakwood and Practically new.
Comprising:—
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, March 26, 1919, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1918, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from March 19, to March 26, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**NOTICE.**

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 4, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, March 25, at 3.55 p.m. precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolution:—

"That Clause VI of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce should be amended to read as follows:—

"The Committee shall consist of ten Members, all of whom shall be British or Representatives of British Firms, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Chamber, and they shall hold Office for one year. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Committee."

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, March 25, 1919, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended December 31, 1918.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1919, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 15, 1919.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

35 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.
\$1. PREPAID.
Every additional 5 words 4 Cents.

WANTED.

EXPERIENCED ASSISTANT
WANTED in a large Mercantile Office. Qualifications: Young, British, Good education and address. Replies will be treated confidentially. Apply by letter to A.B.C. care of "CHINA MAIL."

TO LET.

TO LET.—From 1st April two partly FURNISHED LARGE LIGHT ROOMS with broad front verandah, three smaller rooms, kitchen & servant quarters and use of tennis court in healthiest locality in Kowloon, two minutes from Ferry moderate charge apply P. O. Box 259.

TO LET.

New Houses in Nathan Road, Kowloon.
No. 10
Ground and First Floors
No. 12 & 14
Ground, First & Second Floors
No. 16
Ground Floor.

New Houses in Mody Road, Kowloon.
No. 2 & No. 4
First Floors
and the
Ground Floors in
Nos. 4, 10 & 12.

Light and Airy, Electric Light & Bell installation, excellent sanitary fittings and arrangements including Water Closets, Enamelled Baths (European Style).
Terms moderate.
Apply to:—
LAI HIN MAN,
Manager.
Tong Wa Building Agency,
No. 43A Queen's Road East, Hongkong.
No. 10 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TO LET.

TO LET.—2 ROOMS on the Ground Floor of Hongkong Club Annex.
Apply to The Secretary.

TO LET.

TO LET from 15th April, 1919—1st Floor, No. 33 Nathan Road, Kowloon, (Dairy Farm Co.'s premises).
Apply to Secretary, The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

TO LET.

A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.
Apply to:—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 29th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed that, owing to the Consulting Committee being now made up to the maximum number of eight, the remuneration to the Committee be increased from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, March 25, 1919 to WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 17, 1919.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1919, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 15, 1919.

I say
KEATING'S LOZENGES
sure the worst cough

NOTICES.

THE MOTOR UNION INSURANCE CO., LTD.
(Incorporated in England.)
Being Agents for the above COMPANY, we are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE, MARINE LIFE and MOTOR ACCIDENTS at special rates.
For further particulars, please apply to:
UNION-TRADING COMPANY,
Prisco's Building, General Agents.

CARS on HIRE

Experienced Chauffeurs
and
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A Large Number of
New and Comfortable Cars
Always in Readiness.

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49-51 Des Vaux Road Central.

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for Special
Occasions

ZENOBIA PERFUMERY

Lily of the Valley, Carnation,
Rose Supreme, Sweet Pea,
Purple Heather, &c.
Zenobia Eau de Cologne.

Hair Brushes, Shaving Brushes,
Ladies' Combs.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

TELEPHONE 298.

JAMES STEER.

8, ICE HOUSE STREET.

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER.

CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS, WATCHES and NAUTICAL
INSTRUMENTS REPAIRED UNDER MY
PERSONAL SUPERVISION.

Tel. 2877.

Tel. 2877.

THE HONGKONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING.

Applications are now being accepted.

The School has accommodation for 200 pupils.
Courses for Mechanics and driving

Special facilities will be offered to persons desirous of becoming Chauffeurs and not having the means to pay for their course.

Works and school, Shauiwan.

Office, 4 Queen's Road Central.



REIDS' LIMITED, IMPORTERS
OBTAINABLE AT
GANDE, PRICE & Co., Ltd. Agents.
HONGKONG.
AND ALL HOTELS, CAFES AND STORES.

After reviewing the evidence the Coroner pointed out exactly what the Jury had to decide, after which the Jury withdrew, and brought in the following verdict:

"We find that the death of Mrs. Walters was due to natural causes, and that no blame attached to anybody."

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

The Report and Balance Sheet to be presented on March 31 says:—
Gentlemen,—The Directors beg to submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The Gross Profit for the year is \$2,585,212.29
After paying Interest, 237,234.74
and depreciating Plant, &c., by 605,334.67
and paying a Bonus to Staff of \$0,000.00
there remains a net profit of 1,662,642.88

and adding amount brought forward as per last Report \$382,083.84, less Interim Dividend paid October 7, 1918, \$14,450 \$232,226.34

leaves available a sum of \$1,894,869.22 which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend at the rate of 5% per annum or \$2.50 per share 149,857.50
To pay Bonus to Shareholders of \$7.00 per share 419,601.00
To transfer to Reserve Fund 600,000.00
To carry forward to new account 725,410.72

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with Article No. 90 the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. A. S. Sorensen, retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election.
The Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., has been appointed Chairman for the year 1919.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

STANLEY H. DODWELL,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1919.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

To Interest \$ 237,234.74
To Amount written off Plant and Buildings 605,334.67
To Bonus to Staff 80,000.00
To Balance, as per Balance Sheet 1,662,642.88

By Balance of Working Account \$2,585,212.29
Less Rates and Taxes \$30,142.80, Crown Rent \$10,989.24, Insurance \$9,913.33, Directors and Auditors' fees \$15,000.00, 66,045.37

2,585,212.29

BALANCE SHEET: 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

LIABILITIES.
Nominal Capital 60,000 shares of \$50 each 3,000,000.00

Issued Capital 59,943 shares @ \$50 each, full paid up 2,997,150.00

DEBENTURES: Nominal 2,000 of \$1,000 each 2,000,000.00

Issued 1,000 of \$1,000 each 1,000,000.00

Reserve Fund, per last A/c \$500,000.00 Add Transferred from Profit & Loss a/c \$400,000.00 900,000.00

Marine Insurance Fund, per last A/c 81,698.69

Sundry Creditors 4,874,687.85

Profit and Loss A/c: Amount brought forward from last Account 1,351,542.34

Less Final Dividend paid 26th March, 1918, \$149,857.50, Bonus to Shareholders \$419,601.00, Transferred to Reserve A/c \$400,000.00, Interim Dividend paid 7th Oct., 1918, \$149,857.50 1,119,316.00

Add 232,226.34

Profit for year ending 31st December, 1918, as per above statement \$1,662,642.88 1,894,869.22

\$11,748,405.76

ASSETS.

Value of Kowloon, Cosmopolitan and Aberdeen Docks, buildings and plant, including floating plant as at 31.12.17 as per last statement 3,513,486.93

Additions during 1918 719,723.14

Less Sales at book value \$849,039.39 Written off \$695,334.67 690,245.66

3,542,955.01

Sundry Debtors 1,739,120.89

Material in Stock and in transit at book value, and work in progress at amount expended thereon, with a fair percentage for establishment charges on same, less instalments received on account. 6,466,319.85

\$11,748,405.76

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD.

The Report for Presentation to Shareholders on March 26 says:—

Gentlemen,—Your Directors beg to present to the Shareholders the Sixteenth Ordinary Yearly Report of the Company.

The Balance at the credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$208,777.07.

Which your Directors recommend appropriating as follows:—

To Pay a Dividend of \$1.20 per share \$55,200.00

To Pay a Bonus of 60 cents per share 27,600.00

To Write off Hongkong Saw Mills 5,000.00

To Write off Sandakan Saw Mills 5,000.00

To Write off Sandakan Engineering Works 4,000.00

To Write off Plant Account 3,000.00

To Write off Launches and Lighters 7,500.00

To Write off Timber Concessions 1,000.00

To Transfer to Fund for Replacements and Renewals 40,000.00

To Transfer to Launches and Lighters' Insurance Fund 10,000.00

To Transfer to Provision for Coolies' and Contractors' Debts a/c 3,500.00

To Carry forward 46,977.07

\$208,777.07

Directors.—In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. A. O. Lang retires, but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong 17th March, 1919.

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31st, 1918.

LIABILITIES.

Authorized Capital:—

60,000 Shares each \$12=\$720,000.00 Issued 45,000 Shares each \$12.00 \$552,000.00

Sundry Creditors 50,536.60

Launches and Lighters Insurance Fund as per last statement 40,000.00

Profit and Loss a/c, Undivided profit as per last statement \$29,275.26

Net profit for the year ended 31/12/1918 \$179,501.81 208,777.07

\$ 851,313.67

ASSETS.

Hongkong Saw Mills:—

As per last statement 69,800.00

Sandakan Saw Mills:—

As per last statement 69,624.84

Steam Launches and Lighters:—

As per last statement 97,745.48

Sandakan Engine Works:—

As per last statement 60,729.84

Plant A/c:—

As per last statement \$18,607.51 Less amount provided for depreciation \$3,000.00 Since added \$6,943.75

House and Land Property:—

As per last statement 6,184.53

As per last statement Timber Concessions:—

As per last statement \$6,979.76 Less account provided for depreciation \$1,000.00 5,979.76

Stocks of Timber, Material and value of work in progress in Borneo, Hongkong and United Kingdom 112,803.82

Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances 85,624.90

Investments:—

\$86,000.00 S.S. War Loan Bonds at rate 31/12/18 \$59,310.34 Fixed Deposit Hongkong Bank \$120,000.00

Cash in hand, Hongkong, Borneo and London 137,792.31

To Management and Office Expenses in Hongkong, Borneo and London 84,453.82

To Exchange A/c. Cost adjusting Borneo and London balances to rates ruling at 31/12/18 20,423.70

To Directors' Fees 4,000.00

To Auditor's Fee 250.00

\$ 815,313.67

KOREAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

"We, the people of Korea, hereby declare the independence of Korea before all Nations, assuming that this would be generally recognized by them.

We declare this with a united voice of twenty million people in the name of Justice and Humanity. We are no mean people, having a long history of a distinct and self-governing nation through the course of forty-three centuries. It is a most solemn duty of us to secure the right of free and perpetual development of our own national character and ability, adapting ourselves to the principles of the reconstruction of the world.

It is nearly ten years since we were for the first time in our history put under the yoke of another nation and made a victim of the cursed militaristic imperialism of the world. Since then how much our spiritual development has been hampered; our national dignity injured; and how many opportunities have been lost to make a contribution to the civilization of the world.

Oh, fellow-citizens! The most urgent and the greatest duty for us is to secure our national independence, in order to wipe off the injuries, get rid of the present sufferings, to remove the future threatenings, to stir up the national spirit and vitality so long suppressed under the unjust regime of Japan, and to leave our children and eternal freedom and perfect happiness instead of a bitter and shameful inheritance. We shall fight to the last drop of our blood in the great cause of Liberty.

We do not blame Japan for the breaking treaty in which she so often, so solemnly promised to guarantee the independence of Korea. Nor do we complain of her for calling our land a colony and treating us as slaves. Because "it is unnecessary for us to find faults in others but in ourselves. We do not mean to take such measures as to avenge ourselves upon Japan. All we desire to do is to right wrongs done to us not by the Japanese nation, but by the few of her statesmen who were led by the "old" aggressive policy.

See the actual outcome of the annexation which was made in 1910 without free consent of the peoples concerned! A bitter and unquenchable animosity is growing deeper and deeper between these though it has been glossed over with a tranquil appearance caused only by heavy pressure and with series of statistics, most of which have nothing to do with our concerns. It is clear to see that the two nations must and ought to enter into a new relation of good friendship so that they would enjoy a permanent happiness and to avoid further perils on both sides. Moreover, in view of maintaining the peace of the Far East, the independence of Korea is not without a deep significance. It is not only because the unjustly subdued twenty million people of Korea may prove a source of incessant alarm, but any longer occupation of Korea by Japan is likely to provoke more suspicion and fear against Japan in the mind of the four hundred million people of China, whereas the true friendly relation between the peoples is the basis upon which any eternal peace of the East will possibly be established. Could any international peace be expected without the perfect harmony of the eastern nations? Hence we are assured that the independence of Korea is worthy of universal consideration and approval.

Ah! A new epoch is opening before us. The age of Might is gone and the age of Right has come. The history of mankind will henceforth shine with the glorious light of the new civilization, led by the spirit of Humanity which has been fostered through all the past ages. We have no hesitation and no fear in marching on towards goals, as we are now at the new turn of the world and a fresh start of the universe. We shall live. We shall be free. We shall enjoy the Heaven-given happiness. We shall do our best as a member of the family of the nations in rendering any service called for to promote the peace and civilization of the world.

We, have arisen new. Justice is with us. Righteousness is leading us. All citizens, male and female, young and old, have risen from the gloomy dungeon to push their way into the brightness of Freedom. Our forefathers inspire us, and the world supports us. Go on, fellow-citizens!

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE UNION.

March 1, 1919.

To Provident Fund 2,588.86

To Balance 179,501.81

By profit on Sales of Rough and Sawn Timber, etc. 291,218.19

By Scrip Fees 285,576.78

By Interest 32.00

By 5,909.41

\$ 291,218.19

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The following are yesterday's results.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
Yew Man Tsun beat A. Morse, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 9-7.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.
L. Forster and W. Kay beat A. H. Crook and A. A. Claxton, 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-8, 6-1.

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES.
Captain Murray and Mrs. Hammond (owe 3/6) beat S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Moxon (owe 3/0), 6-4, 6-4.

J. S. Jennings and Mrs. Manning (owe 1/5) beat Major Hammond and Miss Grimble (rec. 15), 6-3, 6-3.

The match between J. S. Jennings and Mrs. Manning v. Major Hammond and Miss Grimble was a well fought one and in the second set almost a "record" was made when in the 8th game deuce was called no less than eleven times.

HANDICAP SINGLES, "B" CLASS.
E. A. Macdonald (recs. 2/6) beat F. Bevington (recs. 1/6), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.
Handicap Doubles.—C. Thorne and E. A. Macdonald (rec. 4/6) v. A. H. Crook and A. A. Claxton (rec. 3/6); C. C. Hickling and A. D. Humphreys (scr.) v. M. R. de Journal and V. Dessau (rec. 15-1); A. R. Sutherland and B. J. Evans (rec. 15-1) v. A. K. and W. W. Mackenzie (rec. 15-1).

Open Doubles Championship.—P. A. Redmond and N. E. Kent v. V. Yanovich and J. M. I. Lopes.

Open Championship Singles.—S. E. Green v. M. W. Lo; A. H. Rumjahn v. T. Mishima.

Handicap Single, "B" Class.—C. B. Brown (recs. 15-5) v. Pay-Lieut. Holborn (scr.).

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG DOG, CAT, POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW 1919.

A Show in connection with the above will be held (by kind permission of the Stewards, Hongkong Jockey Club) with in their enclosure Happy Valley on SATURDAY April 12, 1919.

Entry forms containing full particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. W. GEGG,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
c/o MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1919, commencing at 12 o'clock (noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

The Wreck of the "S.S. YAM SAMUD" (2932 tons nett register)

As she now lies on Alligator Island (near Footshaw) with all anchors, chains, gear and appurtenances, &c., &c., &c.

Terms: Cash on fall of hammer when the wreck will be at purchaser's risk.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From UNITED KINGDOM, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

The Steamer "CARNARVONSHIRE," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whences and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by March 25, 1919, at 5 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on March 25, 1919, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 20 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong March 19, 1919.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

FRIDAY, March 21, 1919, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A quantity of Blue Serge—good quality.

And

A number of Pairs of Lady's and Gent's boots and shoes.

To be sold without reserve.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

on

FRIDAY, March 21, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

About 300 Cases Mixed Biscuits, at present stored in Lighters off Blue Buildings.

Inspecting orders may be had from the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

on

TUESDAY, March 25, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS, DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES, Comprising:—

HOUSEHOLD LINENS:—Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts, Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths, Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.

DRAWN WORK:—Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.

EMBROIDERIES:—Bedspreads, Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in. A few lots of Attache Cases and Bellow Valises.

(All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers).

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

on

TUESDAY, March 25, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE: BRASS AND BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLES AND TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., &c., &c.

Comprising:—

Chesterfield Sofa, Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., (famed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c.; Dinner Services, Crockery, and good Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c. Bath Room, Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, including 1 large Blackwood seven Bued and white Panels, and Blackwood Fire Screen, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures and Oil Paintings, Several Carpets new and second-hand.

Also

Treadle Sewing Machine (nearly new) with all accessories, Pianos in good condition; one large Ice Chest suitable for Hotel, Enamelled Bath and one Large Gas Cooking Stove.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,

Shameen, Canton, have this day been appointed AGENTS for the sale and distribution of the "OHINA MAIL" in Canton and the surrounding districts.

March 1, 1919.

NOTICES.

Lane, Crawford & Co.

LADIES' DEPT.—FIRST FLOOR

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SHIPPING

P. & O. S. N. CO.

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TAIPEI, PAKISTAN AND CANTON TO
STRAITS, COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, &c.

Steamers	Leave Hongkong about	Due Marseilles about	Due London about
NELLORE	20th April	26th May	3rd June

BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S.S.	From Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DUNERA	12th April	1st May

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Shanghai only.
DUNERA	31st March	

Tickets interchangeable with B.I.S.N. Coy. between ports, common to both Companies.
P. & O. Australian Tickets are interchangeable with the New Zealand Shipping Co. (via Panama) or the Orient Company.
Passengers may travel B.I. Company between Singapore and Calcutta or Madras in lieu of the section P. & O. between Singapore to Colombo.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans, free of charge and each berth furnished with an Electric Reading Lamp.
Stevedores and Sailors are liable to be altered without notice.

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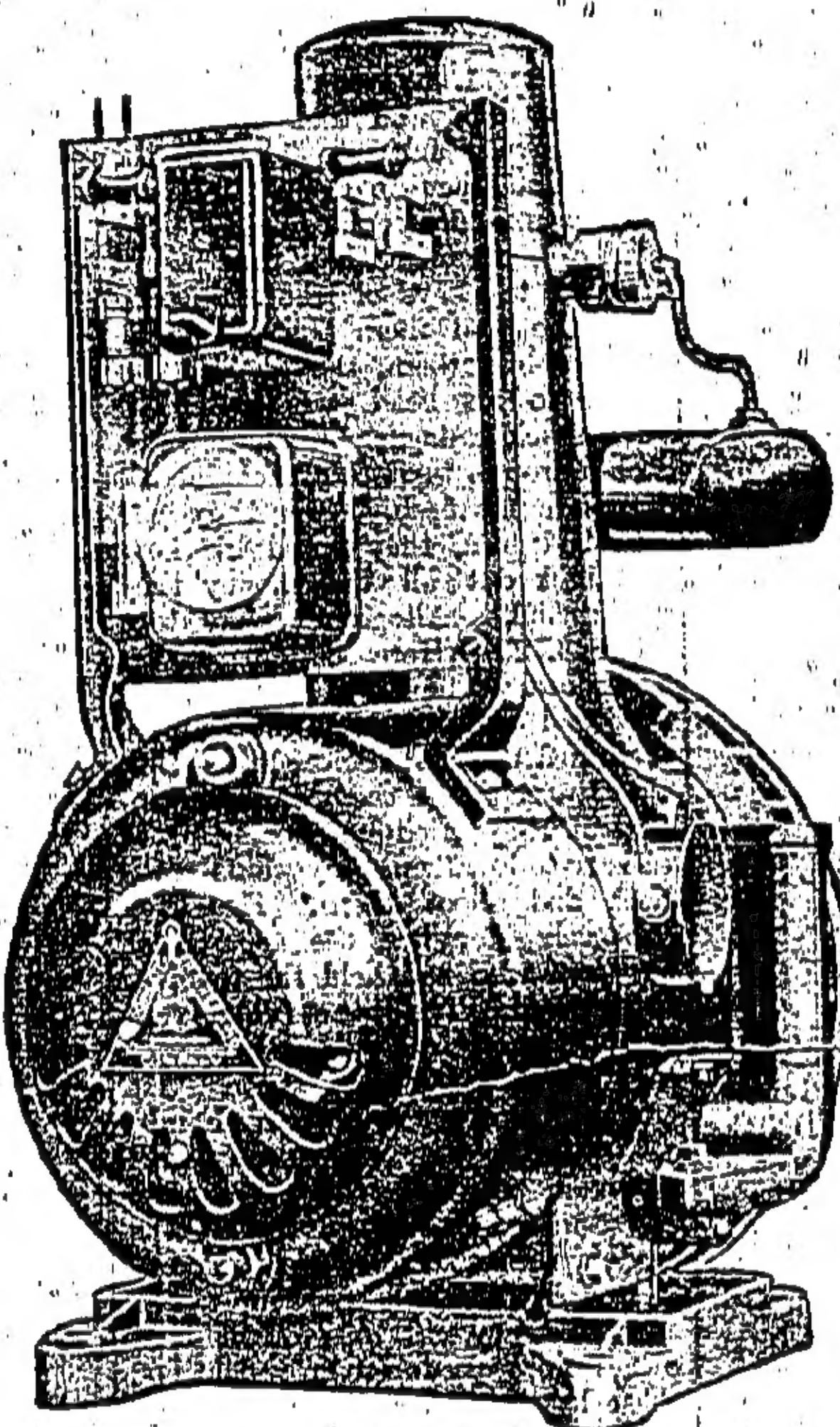
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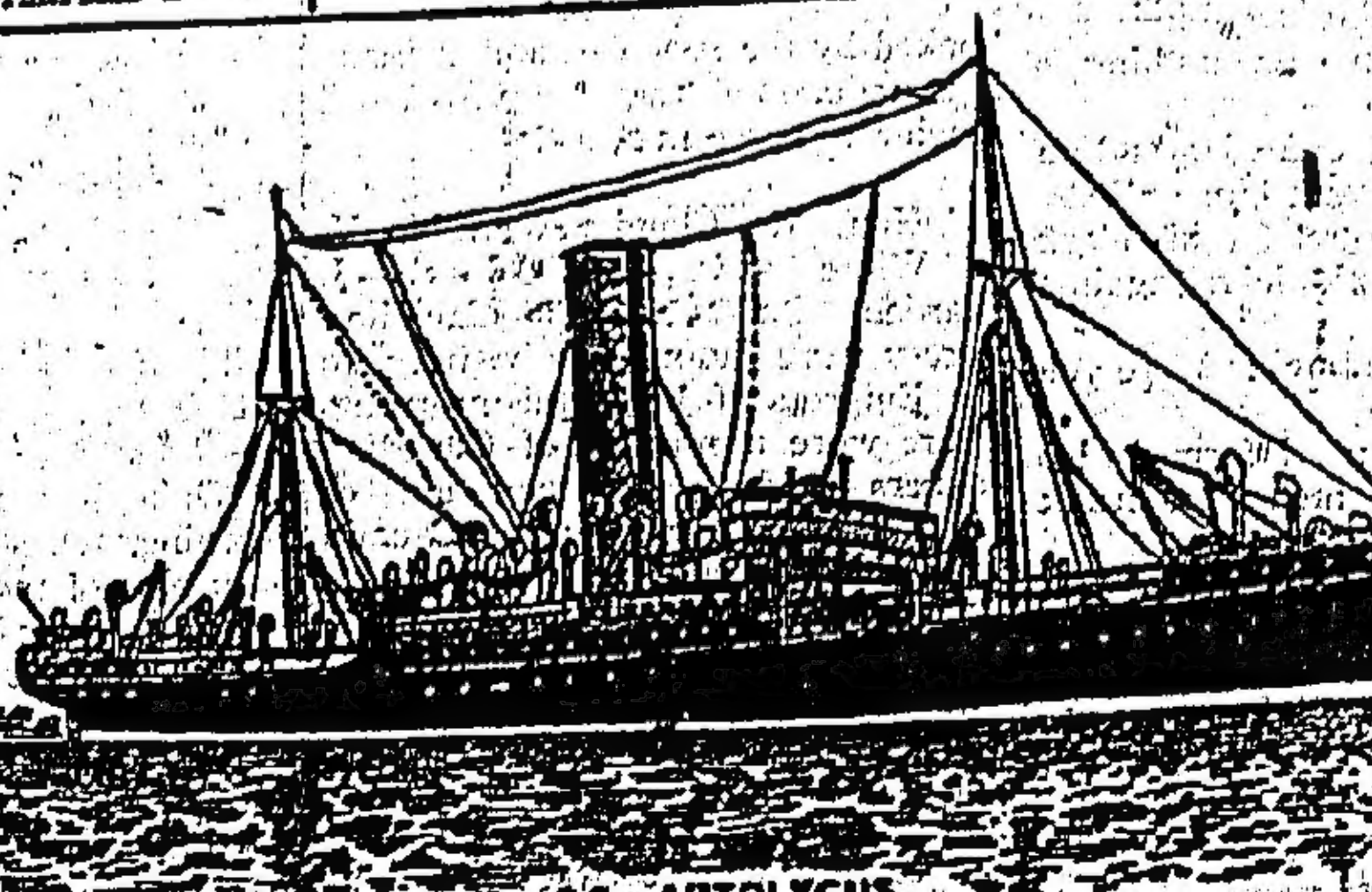
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(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

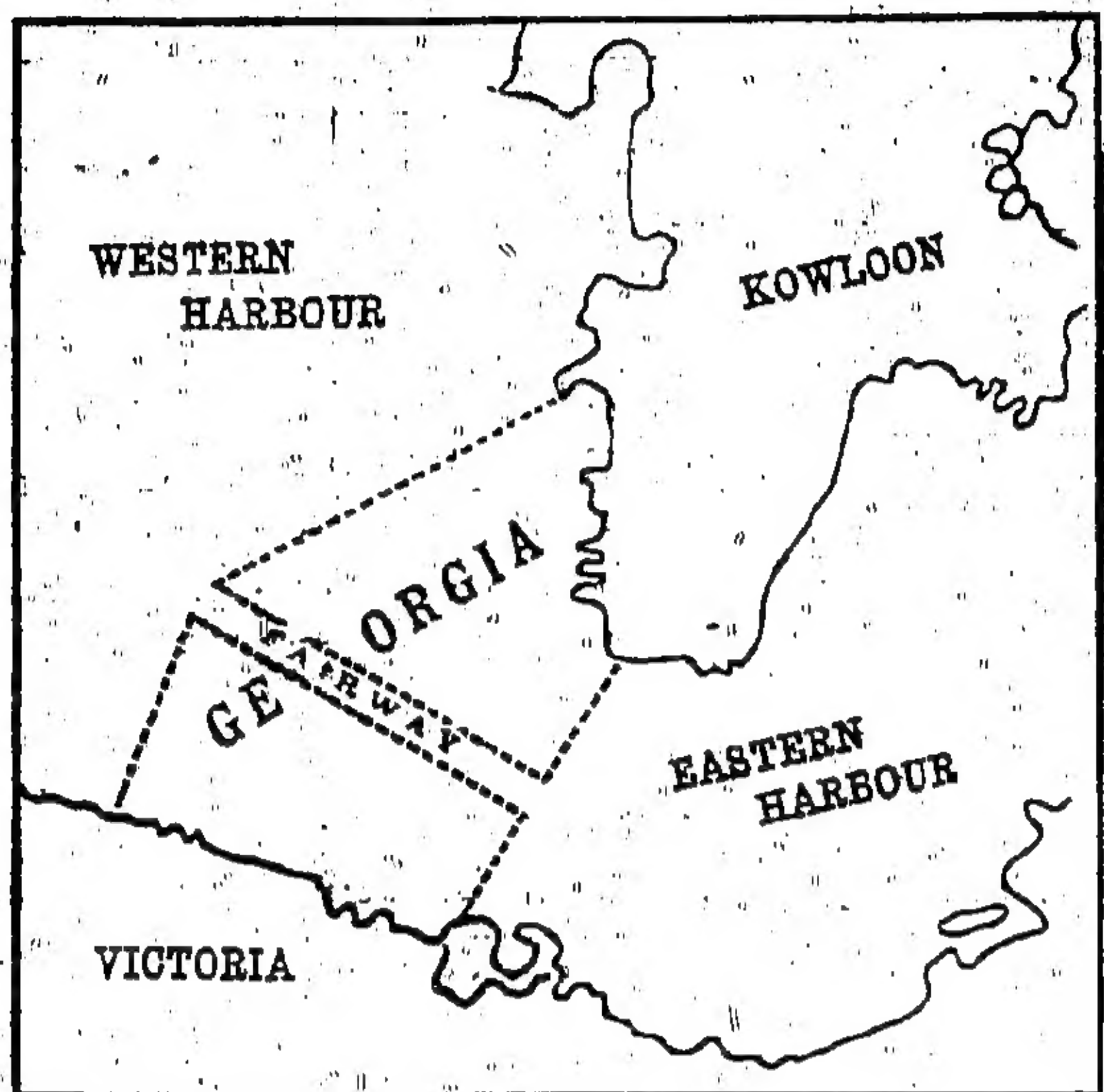
DEAR SIR,—In perusing the various schemes put forward in your columns I notice that they all fall short in two particulars. They mean expenditure without adequate subsequent recompense and are deficient in grandeur and magnitude of conception.

In looking at Hongkong the first thing that strikes one is that land reclamation has reached a point of perfection in "execution" possibly hardly excelled elsewhere on earth. Again the congestion in point of view of land and houses is so pronounced that I wonder none of your correspondents has so far hit upon a reclamation scheme on a huge scale to celebrate our hard won peace. At an expenditure of seven million pounds (the price of one of our latest battleships) the whole of the middle portion of the harbour from the V.

R. C. to the Macao S. E. Coy's wharf and across to Kowloon could be reclaimed in five or six years' time. Hereby only 7 anchorages, Buoy 1,2,3,4 and 35,36,37, would be eliminated but space for numerous quays formed. The land reclaimed would measure roughly 28 million square feet from which about ten million would have to be deducted to allow for roads, public places, and a central fairway, 150 feet wide connecting a Western merchant ship harbour and an Eastern naval anchorage. The remaining 18,000,000 feet if sold at \$3 per square foot or 1/10th of the present value of land on the prays would net the government 100% on their money.

The names of the streets and public places could be called after our fallen heroes and the whole new city named Georgia after our King. Appending a plan of the proposed new city.

I am, Dear Sir, etc.
MATHEMATICS.



HARD SWEARING.

With his right arm in a sling, two black eyes and a bump on his head, an Indian complained to Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning that he was brutally assaulted by a companion. Asked what he had to say, the other denied the charge. Going into the witness box, the plaintiff said he was walking near the Western Market at about 5 p.m. on March 13, when he met the defendant and another man who both engaged him in conversation. After a while, the defendant asked witness to have a drink but he declined. Immediately afterwards, said witness, the other man caught hold of his wrists while the defendant tripped him. As he fell, said witness, the defendant dealt him a blow in the face. The defendant also kicked him in the face while he was on the ground and dealt him several more blows in the face, blackening both his eyes. He was so brutally assaulted, said witness, that he became unconscious, and when he came to both his assailants had disappeared.

His Worship: What was the reason for this onslaught on you?—I don't know.

His Worship: Surely there must be some reason?—I know of none. The defendant said they had not been on good terms with each other for quite a while. This was because witness had on several occasions remonstrated with the plaintiff for paying too much attention to witness's wife, a Chinese woman.

His Worship (to plaintiff): Why did you interfere with the defendant's domestic affairs?—The defendant was bound over on two occasions because—

His Worship: Answer my question, will you?—I never did care for Chinese girls!

Continuing the defendant said he was not looked upon with much favour by the local Indian community because they say he is a British Government informer. The witness also alleged that the charge was "made up" in order to get him into trouble.

His Worship (to plaintiff): Did you hear that?

Plaintiff: I too help the British Government whenever possible. When I was in Vancouver I helped the Government when trouble—

His Worship: That has nothing to do with the case.

His Worship (to defendant): You say you did not assault him?—No.

How do you account for his black eyes?—He was drunk and fell against the iron gate.

His Worship (smiling): Were you drunk too?—No.

Inspector Brown informed his Worship that both men were drunk when removed to the station.

His Worship (to defendant): What have you to say to that?

His Worship: Oh!—we are beginning to learn something now! Have you got any witnesses to call?

Defendant: Yes, a watchman on a steamer.

His Worship: Where is he?—His ship will come in at 4 o'clock to-day.

His Worship: Then I will adjourn.

PINKIE'S PLANS.

Miss Marjorie Stewart will enact the part of "Pinkie" on Friday night and Miss Georgia Mosser on Saturday night. Owing to the length of the production the curtain must rise at 9 p.m. sharp so as to conclude just before midnight. Everyone is therefore requested to be seated punctually to make the undisturbed acquaintance of Pinkie and her little friend Tommy, who are discovered playing in the garden immediately on the rise of the curtain. The entire proceeds of this performance, without any deductions whatever, will be allocated to the Hongkong War Memorial Fund.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Paul Hodgson left for England on the *Empress of Japan* to-day.

Mrs. Pope, widow of the former chaplain of Kowloon, and her three children left at noon to-day for home.

The Rev. T. D. Woodman Dowling is to preach his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, on Sunday next. We hope he will have large congregations.

For taking 25 taels of prepared opium on board the s.s. *Kiang Hong*, a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Mr. Lindsell to a fine of \$1,000, or in default three months' hard labour.

Lieut.-Colonel P. D. McFeat, M.C., R.E., Major L. Napier, R.E., and Captain F. J. M. Kennedy, Chinese Coolie Corps, have been staying temporarily in the Colony. Colonel McFeat and Major Napier left to-day by the *Empress of Japan*.

Owing to the demand for seats for "Pinkie and the Fairies" a special matinee will be given on Thursday the 27th and the final performance will take place on Saturday the 29th. Booking will be open for these performances at Moutrie's on Saturday.

His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements received on March 9 a telegram from the Secretary of State to the effect that a vessel is being sent by the Ministry of Shipping to take the passengers booked by the s.s. *Nora* and *Natara*. It is understood that the vessel will reach Singapore in April.

Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. H. P. White and Lieut.-Colonel J. J. Warden, D.S.O., of the Canadian Forces were among the visitors to the *Empress of Japan* this morning. There were a number of Canadian soldiers under the command of Lieut. J. French returning to Canada from Vladivostok.

the case until 10 a.m. to-morrow. That won't do, sir, he will be sailing again to-night at 9 o'clock.

His Worship: What only five hours in port? Where does the ship sail to?—It sails between here and Canton, sir.

His Worship: Very well, I will remain the case until 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

INTERVIEW.

CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Passing through the Colony on his way to San Francisco from Manila is Mr. Clarence Colman, who is the publisher of *The Philippines*, and connected with the *Tribune*. Mr. Colman left by the *Empress of Japan* this morning.

In the course of conversation with a *China Mail* man, Mr. Colman said *The Philippines* was published to enlighten Americans to the possibilities of the Islands. He remarked that the ignorance of his countrymen as regards the islands is lamentable. The average American doesn't even know where they are. Some think they are in Cuba, others in Hawaii. To remedy this state of affairs *The Philippines* was published with assistance from the American Government.

Speaking about present conditions in the Islands, Mr. Colman remarked that progress is being made in every direction. There is every prospect of the importation of Australian horses to cope with the increased transport work. New mint machinery will shortly be installed from America.

Sugar has wonderful prospects and is receiving special attention. Approximately 1,000,000 acres are now under cultivation. Nearly every province has land devoted to sugar production.

On the farms poultry and cattle are being raised on up to date lines. Imported birds and animals are raising the standard and capital progress is being made. The Department of Agriculture assists private poultry and swine farms.

Mr. Colman is optimistic of the Philippines future generally. Oil development, he says, is proceeding rapidly in Mindanao.

The only note of pessimism struck was when referring to the increased food prices, and reduced crops due to the ravages of influenza. The rice crops are estimated to be 25 per cent short. In some districts Spanish influenza was so bad that work was paralysed.

A bone of contention existing in the Philippines between landlords and tenants is expected to be removed shortly. In the Legislature a bill entitled "The Gabaldon Bill" which is intended to remove the differences existing. As a result it is anticipated that rice crops will increase and agriculture benefit generally.

In bidding good-bye to our representative, Mr. Colman said he would probably be back in the Philippines some time next year.

GENERAL POWELL'S TRIBUTE TO MR. E. RALPHS.

A letter, dated February 22, has been received from Major-General Sir C. Herbert Powell, K.C.B., the British Red Cross Commissioner at Vladivostok. The first part tells of the difficulties experienced after reaching Vladivostok owing to the non-arrival of the personnel and delay in the despatching of equipment. Further on in the letter General Powell says:—

I am arranging to leave a Base Commandant behind at Vladivostok, whose duty it will be to receive, catalogue, etc., the numerous goods which will continue to pour in from all your depots from time to time to purchase food supplies which cannot be obtained up-country; and to despatch regular consignments, say, every six weeks to two months. It is easy to see how important this work will be, requiring foresight, calculation, and energy, because on the completeness of the consignments and the accuracy of their despatch we will depend the life and success of our hospitals—4,000 miles away.

The one man who is eminently fitted for this important duty is Captain Edwin Ralphs, who has, till recently, been my Assistant Commissioner. He has a grip of the situation, such as no other man possesses, and has full and personal knowledge of practically all the Far East war depots, their Presidents and Secretaries, and is in excellent relationship with them all. I trust that H.E. the Governor of Hongkong will be able to spare me his services for a few months.

IDLE TEARS.

A Chinese employed at a beef stall in the Central Market was this morning charged with the theft of 54 lbs. of beef. The defendant who was employed by his master to deliver beef to H.M.'s ships at the Naval Yard, was seen by a watchman, when leaving the yard, to have the meat in his possession. Unable to give a satisfactory explanation, the man was taken into custody.

When before Mr. Lindsell this morning, the defendant said he took a surplus of meat with him in order to meet possible demand on the ships. He was bringing back to the stall when he was arrested.

His Worship did not believe the man's story and sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour.

When the sentence was translated to him, the prisoner burst into tears and protested his innocence but to no avail.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

GIBB, LIVINGSTONE ROBBERY.

Owing to there being a very large docket at the present sitting of the Supreme Court at the Criminal Session, both the Chief Justice's and the Puisne Judge's Courts were sitting to-day.

In the Chief Justice's Court, the first three cases to be called were those of Tong, Fuk, Ho Sung, and Chen Yo, who all pleaded "guilty" to charges of returning from banishment. The first two were sentenced to three years, while the third prisoner was given four years. It was brought out that he had been banished eight times before.

The next case was that of Tang So, who is charged with complicity in, and with being one of the armed robbers who held up the Head Sheriff of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co. on January 20 last. There were three indictments against Tang So, who pleaded "Not guilty" to them all.

The Crown was represented by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Acting Attorney-General, whilst the prisoner was undefended.

The Jury which was then elected consisted of the following:—Messrs. P. L. Knight (foreman), L. Kamming, Wong-Sih Kai, T. L. Scott, O. D. Barretto, and F. de Costa.

The Hon. Attorney-General in opening the case for the Crown briefly outlined the facts of the robbery.

The first witness called was To So Hing, the head shroff of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co., who stated that on the night of the 14th January he was working in the Comptroller's Office at about 7.30 p.m. when some robbers came in armed with revolvers and told them all to get out of the way. There were, he stated, several of the *fokis* working with him. They then came right into the room and took up all the loose cash, which was lying on the table, and then wrenched open his drawer and took out some money, that was there. They then asked him for the keys of the safe, and when he told them that the comptroller had them, they held a revolver to his head, whilst another man stuck a dagger into him which went through two coats, but did not puncture his flesh. After they had searched him, they found his keys and took out all the money they could find. Altogether they took \$17,843.72. (Here certain girdles and pieces of tapes and muslin were produced all of which the witness identified.) Just before they left they warned all of them, in the room, that if they cried out for help, or tried to follow them they would come back and shoot them. He then positively identified the accused as the man who had held the revolver to his head. The witness then went on to explain exactly what happened after the robbery had gone. He called to someone to tie his hands, and some of his *fokis* went on to the verandah and shouted for help. Questioned as to how the money was made up, he explained that some of it was in bills and some in notes, and when several rolls of ten-cent pieces were produced he identified these by the paper they were wrapped up in, explaining that they were wrapped up in old electric light receipts, and that his employees acted as Agents for the Electric Light Company.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty."

The Chief Justice sentenced prisoner to 5 years and 15 strokes with the cat.

Affraigned before Mr. Justice Melbourne, for highway robbery, Ng Kau pleaded "not guilty," after the indictment had been read over to him.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman represented the Crown, as the Attorney-General was appearing in the Chief Justice's Court.

The jury were then elected as follows:—Messrs. J. M. Noronha (foreman), S. Goldsmith, C. H. Kin, A. Arculli, A. A. Gil, B. W. Vermeiren, and A. Yanovitch.

In opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Wakeman briefly recapitulated the facts of the evidence that he proposed to bring before the Court, and explained that at the preliminary hearing the accused had pleaded guilty to a further charge of wounding.

Mr. Wakeman, before the prisoners were sentenced, told the Court the circumstances of the two crimes which were that these two prisoners were walking along Lyttelton Road, on January 22 last, when they came upon two hawkers, and asked them for their licenses. They then made them open their baskets, and Lo Cheung threatened them with a knife. The other prisoner then searched them, and took out of their pockets \$15 in bills. They then ran away, and hearing cries for help, a watchman from a nearby house came out and gave chase. They then met an old woman carrying some earth, and Lo Cheung immediately gave her a stab with the knife and ran on. The prisoner Chan Shing was arrested, but Lo Cheung escaped, but was after putting up a fight was taken to the Police Station, where they found that he had a large number of wounds which were obviously self-inflicted.

Lo Cheung was sentenced to 5 years and 15 strokes with the cat, and Chan Shing to five years.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 18. Li Shun, the Military Governor of Kiangsu, has telegraphed to the Government that the stoppage of the Peace Conference at Shanghai is not due entirely to the trouble in Shensi. There are several other problems to be solved before it can resume.

The Southern Delegates are waiting anxiously for the answer of the Diplomatic Corps to their appeal.

COMMANDEERED SHIPS.

The *China Mail* learns that all the vessels requisitioned in the Far East by the British Government from the Dutch and Russian Governments are being returned to their owners. They will be handed over to their original owners.

SHIP ASHORE.

The *Kuanga Maru*, which, as reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, was aground on Slope Island outside Lympo, has been towed to the Taikoo Dockyard for repairs.

Mr. Norman Dyer Ball, brother of Mr. A. Dyer Ball of the Government Service, has been gazetted Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C., from the University of London Contingent O.T.C.

The prisoner was sentenced to five years' imprisonment together with twelve strokes with the cat.

China Hotel Robbery.

Chan Shiao Kuan Shan and Kwán Shing, were arraigned before Mr. Justice Melbourne to-day, on a charge of robbery with violence at the China Hotel. All the accused pleaded not guilty, and were unrepresented by Counsel. Mr. Wakeman appeared on behalf of the Crown, and briefly told the Court the circumstances under which the crime was committed, which were as follows:—

Ho Nam was a married woman whose husband lived in America, and who made a living by selling jewellery either on Commission or buying and selling. She met a friend of hers, who introduced her to Kuan Shan, one of the defendants, who asked her to go to the China Hotel, and bring some jewellery for him to see, as he wished to buy some. Accordingly she went, and when she got to this man's room he asked her to wait, and after a while she became uneasy. When she tried to leave, she was seized by the throat and the other men came in, and bound her up, placing her beneath the bed. By chance a hotel boy came into the room, and saw her legs under the bed, whereupon he cried for help. The three defendants then immediately rushed out and on the outcry being raised were arrested just outside the hotel, having in their possession a box of jewellery, a watch, and two bracelets belonging to Ho Nam.

The first witness was the complainant, who bore out the story unfolded by the representative of the Crown, and described exactly how she was bound up.

The hotel boy was the next witness, who described how he saw the woman's feet sticking out from underneath the bed, and how he cried "Murder" and called for help. There were several other witnesses all of whom corroborated the complainant's story, together with the Policeman who made the arrest, and who found the jewellery in question upon the persons of both defendants.

The jury found both prisoners guilty, and they were sentenced to 5 years and 12 strokes with the cat.

The Lyttelton Road Case.

Lo Cheung and Chan Shing, both pleaded "guilty" to-day to an indictment of assault and highway robbery before Mr. Justice Melbourne this afternoon, and Lo Cheung pleaded guilty to a further charge of wounding.

Mr. Wakeman, before the prisoners were sentenced, told the Court the circumstances of the two crimes which were that these two prisoners were walking along Lyttelton Road, on January 22 last, when they came upon two hawkers, and asked them for their licenses. They then made them open their baskets, and Lo Cheung threatened them with a knife. The other prisoner then searched them, and took out of their pockets \$15 in bills. They then ran away, and hearing cries for help, a watchman from a nearby house came out and gave chase. They then met an old woman carrying some earth, and Lo Cheung immediately gave her a stab with the knife and ran on. The prisoner Chan Shing was arrested, but Lo Cheung escaped, but was after putting up a fight was taken to the Police Station, where they found that he had a large number of wounds which were obviously self-inflicted.

Lo Cheung was sentenced to 5 years and 15 strokes with the cat, and Chan Shing to five years.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE GRAND CANAL.

PEKING, March 18. The Government this afternoon published the agreement between the Siemens-Carey Company and the Chinese Government for the improvement of the Grand Canal.

A cable received in the Colony this morning regarding the Scotch Whisky situation shows that the stocks held in Scotland and England are very much smaller than was anticipated. Prices have risen again. It is predicted that in six months there will be hardly any Scotch Whisky available for export. Distillers are advising their Agents throughout the Orient to conserve their stocks as much as they possibly can. Prices will in consequence advance considerably.

Proprietary brands of well known American Whiskies are selling at from G. \$12 to 15 per bottle. This is due to the fact that the whole of the United States goes dry from midnight of June 30 this year. The stocks of imported liquors in the U.S.A. are exhausted. Well known Champagnes are selling in the Cafes at from G. \$25 to 35 a bottle.

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